Solution of power crisis among farmers of Bihar

7618. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to solve the power crisis among farmers of Bihar; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) Supply of power to various consumers in a state, including farmers, is the prerogative of the state concerned. The power supply to agricultural sector during May, 1994 was on an average 7 hours/day.

Union Government is assisting states by supply power from the Central Sector generating units. At present Bihar is supplied power from Central generating units of Farakka STPS and Chukha HEPS, and in near future power from Kahalgaon STPS will also become available. Actual supply from these stations during April-May, 1994 has been as follows:—

Name of stations	Energy supplied in MUs
Farakka STPS .	455.5
Chukha HEPS .	62.3

Amount Sanctioned by Planning Commission for new Power Projects

7619. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) how much amount has been sanctioned by the Planning Commission to the new power projects for the last three years; and

(b) what was the actual amount spent on those projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The approved plan outlays for new power generation projects for states, UTs and Central Sector for the last three years i.e. 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94 were Rs. 1462.31 crores, Rs. 1139.18 crores and Rs. 1353.52 crores respectively.

(b) The amount spent on these projects during 1991-92 (Actual), 1992-93 (Actual) and 1993-94 (Anticipated) is Rs. 477.70 crores, Rs. 375.67 crores and Rs. 1081.45 crores respectively.

Implementation of schemes for development of Handloom sector

7620. SHRI AHMED MOHEDBHAI PATEL:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to refer to answer to unstared Question 184 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd February 1994 and State:

(a) whether a meeting of the State Directors of Handlooms from all over the country was held on the 28th January, 1994;

(b) if so, what were the main points discussed in the meeting;

(c) whether State Governments have been asked to submit reports about the steps taken by them to expedite implementation of various schemes for the development of handloom sector and welfare of handloom weavers; and

(d) how many State Governments have so far implemented the schemes and how many States are still to implement the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the meeting held on 27th and 28th January, 1994, the progress under various schemes including newly launched scheme of setting up of 3000 Handloom Development Centres and 500 Quality Dyeing Units was reviewed and ideas were exchanged to facilitate expeditious implementation of schemes.

(c) Yes, Sir. The State Governments had also been asked to furnish the concrete proposals in order to release funds by Government of India under different schemes.

(d) Almost all the State Governments and Union Territories are generally implementing the onging schemes including scheme for setting up of Handloom Developcment Centres and Quality Dyeing Units, in the handloom sector. During 1993-94, a sum of Rs 5035.15 lakh under Plan and Rs. 18402.14 lakh under Non-Plan was released to various State Governments|Union Territories.

Wool Production in Andhra Pradesh

7621. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have offered to take steps to promote wool production in Andhra Pradesh if the State Government extends facilities;

(b) if so, what are the facilities sought in Andhra Pradesh in this regard; and

(c) the reaction of State Government to take up this offer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of Andhra Pradesh was requested by the Wool Development Board, Jodhpur to take up impiementation of various schemes|projects, prepared by the Wool Development Board in the State. Preparation of Shelf of Projects, as per local conditions, was also requested where financing could be shared.

(c) No scheme|projet has been received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh so far.

Hank Yarn obligation of Textile Mills

7622. SHRI AHMED MOHMEDBHAI PATEL:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in a move to force textile mills to fulfil their hank yarn obligation the Union Ministry of Textiles has launched proceedings against 100 mills which have failed to honour their commitment under the Essential Commodities Act;

(b) if so, what are the names of those 100 mills against which action has been initiated;

(c) what other steps Government propose to take against such textile mills;

(d) what action has been taken so far against them;

(e) what will be the outcome of the action taken by Government against the 100 textile mills; and

(f) whether the South Indian Mills Association has pointed out that it was practically impossible to clear the backlog as they will be forced to preduce hank yarn alone, flooding the market and resulting in poor returns for the mills?